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Protecting Health Care Workers from Violence at Work

KATE ELIZABETH QUERAM | Legislation introduced in Congress is aimed at preventing violence against health workers, sometimes by their patients, while another bill would create a peer-support program for paramedics and other first responders.

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SARAH HOLDER | CITYLAB | Uber and Lyft drivers plan to protest and picket this week. From companies, they want better wages and working conditions. From cities, they want regulations.

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DAVID SWENSON | THE CONVERSATION | COMMENTARY | Most of the nation's smaller urban and rural counties are not growing and will not grow.

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BILL LUCIA | "We decided that a win is growing basically one job at a time," says one economic development official.

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